

(18) [(17)] a current or former employee of a juvenile justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405, Family Code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 13, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 457 on May 26, 2017: Yeas 141, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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## A WAIVER FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS FROM YOUTH CAMP LICENSING

### CHAPTER 1146

H.B. No. 492

#### AN ACT

relating to a waiver for certain programs from youth camp licensing.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 141, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 141.0025 to read as follows:

*Sec. 141.0025. WAIVER; APPEAL. (a) The department may grant a waiver from the requirements of this chapter to a program that:*

- (1) is sponsored by a religious organization as defined by Section 464.051;*
  - (2) has been in operation for at least 30 consecutive years;*
  - (3) operates one camp for not more than seven days in any year;*
  - (4) has not more than 80 campers;*
  - (5) is conducted by adult participants who are all volunteers;*
  - (6) operates in a county with a population of at least 4,400 but not more than 4,750;*
- and*

*(7) ensures that background checks are conducted on and the training required under Section 141.0095 is completed by each adult participating in the program.*

*(b) A waiver granted by the department under Subsection (a) is valid until the waiver is revoked for cause by the department.*

*(c) A person who operates a program for which an application for a waiver under this section has been denied or for which a waiver under this section has been revoked may appeal the action in the manner provided for appeal of contested cases under Chapter 2001, Government Code.*

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 141.0025, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 4, 2017: Yeas 142, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN ELECTED SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARDS MAKE AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS  
OF CERTAIN WORK SESSIONS AND SPECIAL CALLED  
MEETINGS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**

**CHAPTER 1147**

H.B. No. 523

**AN ACT**

**relating to the requirement that certain elected school district boards make audio and video recordings of certain work sessions and special called meetings available on the Internet.**

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 551.128(b-1), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b-1) A transit authority or department subject to Chapter 451, 452, 453, or 460, Transportation Code, an elected school district board of trustees for a school district that has a student enrollment of 10,000 or more, an elected governing body of a home-rule municipality that has a population of 50,000 or more, or a county commissioners court for a county that has a population of 125,000 or more shall:

(1) make a video and audio recording of reasonable quality of each:

(A) regularly scheduled open meeting that is not a work session or a special called meeting; and

(B) open meeting that is a work session or special called meeting if:

(i) the governmental body is an elected school district board of trustees for a school district that has a student enrollment of 10,000 or more; and

(ii) at the work session or special called meeting, the board of trustees votes on any matter or allows public comment or testimony; and

(2) make available an archived copy of the video and audio recording of each meeting described by Subdivision (1) on the Internet.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an open meeting held on or after the effective date of this Act. An open meeting that is held before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of the open meeting, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2017: Yeas 137, Nays 10, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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